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Sisters and Brothers:

Local 1220 will be offering an opportunity to members with college age children to receive some extra funding. Enclosed with this newsletter is an application—a simple form—which can be filled out and submitted for a \$500.00 scholarship. It was voted by your Executive Board, and approved by the members voting at the March meeting. Only the first 30 application received will be considered. High school seniors intending to enroll in college in Fall of 2009, and continuing college students, children of IBEW Local 1220 members may apply. Any-one needing an additional application, see our website, make a copy of the app, or call and ask for a copy.

Our Local and its members have been asked to assist in easing the financial pain for our biggest employer in these very difficult times. Members who have worked for CBS/WBBM during 2008 have been sent a proposal that was tentatively reached at the recent meeting in Phoenix. We are asking our members to consider carefully making some adjustments to the current contract in hopes of improving things in the long run for both sides. Think of us like UAW helping Ford.

The dues sheets sent to your Stewards and enclosed with this newsletter show the new ONE PERCENT dues rates. Please check your rate, and if you have any questions, contact Marie at the office by phone at 773-714-1220 or by email to mak@ibew1220.org for help figuring your dues. It is good timing that we can lower dues when times are tough and work is limited. Your Local Union is in good financial shape and we can pass that on to our members while the treasury is healthy.

The VIZRT people are avoiding our contacts. However, the Final Cut Pro training was very successful and the Sony XD Cam classes are coming up. We have done two sessions for our members who signed up for Utility training. We are also exploring more opportunities for training by the companies that have high resolution multi projector switching systems. As soon as we know—you will know.

We are hoppin' busy at the office. Negotiations for WGN AM are ongoing. Negotiations for WGN TV and WYCC TV coming up very soon. We are working on the CBS request for consideration; just finished arbitration with one of our Video Production contractors for non-compliance; setting up for arbitration with WCIU for their unsolved grievance; working on grievances at WTTW, WGN and WBBM—hardly time to take a breath.

Our Video Production Contractors use people that they know and trust, but there are always times when a slot is open and another worker is needed. The Union will be preparing a list of station employees who are currently "underemployed" due to restrictions on per diem hiring at the station where they have worked. If you want to be placed on a list of newly available members that will be submitted to the VPCs at the end of the month, please call or email the Union office and let us know. The list will be prepared and shared with the contractors on April 1st. Whenever we can get your name and skills out there—we will.

In Solidarity,

Madeleine Monaco,
Business Manager/Financial Secretary

NEXT MEETING DATE THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 7:00 PM

At the Union office
8605 W Bryn Mawr Ave #309, Chicago

You are the Union!

Join in conducting the business of your Local. Your input is valuable.



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This Newsletter is published monthly by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union 1220, Radio and Television Broadcast Engineers, of Chicago, Illinois.

Anything you might expect to read in a business letter or see in a telegram that pertains to this Local and your part in it will be communicated to you through this channel of information. Consider this your dues invoice, your by-laws update, your meeting notice, and your call to participate.

Any article submitted for publication should be sent by mail, Fax or email to:

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A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Any member wishing to bring an issue of concern to the attention of the Executive Board of this Local Union may submit a request in writing to the Board at any time, stating the reason for the request.



**REMEMBER TO NOTIFY
YOUR UNION OF ANY
CHANGE OF ADDRESS,
PHONE OR EMAIL**

NAME _____
STREET _____
CITY, ST, ZIP _____
PHONE _____
EMAIL _____

COPIES OF ANY IBEW 1220 AGREEMENT MAY BE OBTAINED UPON REQUEST AT THE UNION OFFICE
Our contractors are listed on the web site—www.ibew1220.org

YOU UNION NEWS

MEETING INFORMATION AVAILABLE

Members can view the agenda, bills and copies of the correspondence 30 minutes prior to the meeting by appointment.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

For the first time, IBEW 1220 is offering scholarships for children of members for college tuition and/or expenses. If your child is a high school senior or continuing college student, please have them fill out and submit the enclosed form and apply for an extra \$500.00 to help defray costs.

Other documents and paper work needed are identified on the form.

For IBEW members only, the application for IBEW Founders' Scholarship is now available on the IBEW web site, along with additional information that is helpful to the process. Log on to www.ibew.org, or call the Union office for an application. Deadline to apply is May 1.

UNION SHIRTS AVAILABLE:

There are just a few IBEW Local 1220 shirts still available in the union office. For \$20.00 one could be yours.

Sizes and colors (Navy or White) are limited.

Call 773-714-1220 or email info@ibew1220.org the Union office and let us know.



HONORARY WITHDRAWAL GRANTED TO:

The following members have met the requirements for receiving this status:

THOMAS NUGENT—UNEMPLOYED MOVING TO NO WI
JOHN THOMAS—ON DISABILITY LEAVE FROM WGN TV

FIRST READINGS:

BRIAN HAJIK—VISIONS UNLIMITED
PATRICK PRATER—VISIONS UNLIMITED
THOMAS KALTZ—CBS
JENNIFER SCHWARTZ—WGN TV PD NEWSWRITER
KATE SEDROWSKI—AESTHETIC ABSTRACTIONS
KYLE GALLAGHER—CBS FREELANCE MN

NEW MEMBERS APPROVED:

VALENTIN RODRIGUEZ—WCIU
WILLIAM HOLMES—FOX SPORTS
CHRISTOPHER GERKEN—PROGRAM PROD
WILLIAM BOLTE—VISIONS UNLIMITED
BRETT TYPER—WTVO
MATTHEW HOOCZKO—PROGRAM PROD

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Rodney White (WGN TV on the loss of his brother, Tony.

And to Ben Cortez (WGN Radio) and his family on the loss of their Father, John.

They will be missed.

GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY:

Please remember those who are hungry and donate to this wonderful organization. Call 773-247-3663 or visit www.chicagosfoodbank.org.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I don't need to tell you of the economic ills of our society. We are receiving reports and rumors every-day of changes in our operations, cutbacks, elimination of resources and wholesale cessation of planned or continuing programs. Many stations are in severe cutbacks due to lack of advertising and freelance work has been severely limited by low budgets and cutbacks in corporate work. However, this week has seen some indicators of better times ahead. It is not great news but it could be an indication things will turn around. We can only report that for now, the union accounts are not affected, expenses are being kept in line and the dues percentage is reduced. All of this has positioned Local 1220 to be well prepared for the next year, which will be a very critical time for the local.

Several of our stations will be beginning or have already started negotiations on a new contract. WGN Radio and TV and WYCC are currently working on the contracts. WCEV is expiring 12-31-09, WTVO expires 6-1-2010, CBS is coming and WTTW has a commitment to begin negotiations in the beginning of 2010. All of the Video Production Contracts for Hotel and Convention Center work expire on 12-31-09. As a prelude to each contract, the office sends out questionnaire/summary sheets to all members of each shop to help guide the contract committee. Your responses on these sheets, allows you to voice your opinion on your more pressing issues. It gives you the ability to perhaps come up with a new idea or concept that could benefit your shop. Additionally for some members, it gives them a chance to speak anonymously should they be intimidated speaking publicly in a shop meeting. Please make an effort to complete and return the surveys sent to you. The data received gives the committee useful data on what is most important to the shop in general and includes issues that are specific to one or more operating areas or departments. Additionally, these surveys highlight issues that have not been reported to stewards or the office.

As a reminder, during these critical times and during negotiations be extra diligent while on the job. Often I have been at the table, only to find the company making a demand based on something occurring in the shop that day or the day before. Excessive sick time, tardiness, inattentive to duty and other issues are readily reported to those managers at the table to give them extra leverage in difficult negotiations. The negotiation teams will be faced with economic issues and hardline jurisdictional issues more than ever before. Of all the shops, WGN is facing some of the most serious issues in it's history. With a corporate owner in bankruptcy and CLTV uncertainties occurring at the start of negotiations, everyone is stressed. To help alleviate some of this stress, I must ask you to quell rumors in your shops. If you hear one, please ask the person where he/she heard it and would the person actually have access to that information. With a little investigation on your part, I am sure you will be able to tell the difference between even a well crafted rumor and the truth. I can tell you, I have heard some real whoppers in just the past few months. Not only are they not true, they are so far from the truth, only a story teller could come up with a better one. Please realize that these are taking place and don't spread them. If in doubt, contact me or the office and we will get you the real answer.

Good luck to all!

In Solidarity,

Alan J. Skierkiewicz, President

BY LAW PROPOSAL—READ AT THE MARCH MEETING:

Change Section 4(a) to read: At the meeting of the Local Union when nominations are made, after nominations have closed, the Local Union by a majority vote of the members present shall appoint an Election Judge and as many Tellers as are required, who shall serve as an Election Board to conduct the election. No candidate for any office shall be eligible to serve on this Board.

Submitted by John Rizzo, BA 5172754, 3-11-09

Proposals must be read at a regular Union meeting—this one was read at the March 11, 2009 meeting. Proposals must be published in the newsletter or a letter to all members and mailed 15 days before the next meeting—April 2, 2009.

Additional steps will follow according to our ByLaws, Article XIV, Amendments.

Support union jobs in the U.S. and Canada

This guide is prepared by the UAW to provide information for consumers who want to purchase vehicles produced by workers who enjoy the benefits and protections of a union contract. All these vehicles are made in the United States or Canada by members of the United Auto Workers (UAW), Canadian Auto Workers (CAW) or International Union of Electrical Workers-Communications Workers of America (IUE). Because of the integration of U.S. and Canadian vehicle production, all these vehicles include significant UAW-made content and support the jobs of UAW members. However, those marked with an asterisk (*) are sourced from the United States and another country. When purchasing one of these models, check the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN). A VIN beginning with "1", "4" or "5" identifies a U.S.-made vehicle; "2" identifies a Canadian-made vehicle. Not all vehicles made in the United States or Canada are built by union-represented workers. The Toyota Corolla, for example, is made in the United States by UAW members, but the Canadian model is made in a nonunion plant and other models are imported from a third country.

2009 VEHICLES BUILT BY UNION MEMBERS IN THE UNITED STATES & CANADA

UAW CARS

Buick Lucerne	Ford Taurus
Cadillac CTS	Lincoln MKS
Cadillac DTS	Mazda6
Cadillac STS	Mercury Sable
Cadillac XLR	Mitsubishi Eclipse
Chevrolet Cobalt	Mitsubishi Eclipse Spyder
Chevrolet Corvette	Mitsubishi Galant
Chevrolet Malibu/Hybrid	Pontiac G5
Chrysler Sebring Convertible	Pontiac G6
Chrysler Sebring Sedan	Pontiac Solstice
Dodge Avenger	Pontiac Vibe
Dodge Caliber	Saturn Aura/Hybrid
Dodge Viper	Saturn Sky
Ford Focus	Toyota Corolla*
Ford Mustang	

UAW SUVs/CUVs

Buick Enclave	H2 Hummer
Cadillac Escalade/Hybrid	H3 Hummer
Cadillac Escalade ESV	Jeep Commander
Cadillac SRX	Jeep Compass
Chevrolet Suburban*	Jeep Grand Cherokee
Chevrolet Tahoe*/Hybrid	Jeep Liberty
Chevrolet Traverse	Jeep Patriot
Chrysler Aspen/Hybrid	Jeep Wrangler
Dodge Durango/Hybrid	Lincoln Navigator
Dodge Nitro	Mazda Tribute/Hybrid
Ford Escape/Hybrid	Mercury Mariner/Hybrid
Ford Expedition	Mercury Mountaineer
Ford Explorer	Mitsubishi Endeavor
Ford Explorer Sport Trac	Saturn Outlook
Ford Taurus X	
GMC Acadia	
GMC Yukon*/Hybrid	

CAW CARS

Buick Lacrosse	Dodge Charger
Chevrolet Camaro	Ford Crown Victoria
Chevrolet Impala	Lincoln Town Car
Chrysler 300	Mercury Grand Marquis
Dodge Challenger	

UAW/CAW Vans

Chrysler Town & Country	Volkswagen Routan
Dodge Caravan	

IUE SUVs/CUVs

UAW PICKUPS

Chevrolet Colorado
Chevrolet Silverado*
Dodge Dakota
Dodge Ram Pickup
Ford F Series* Ford Ranger
GMC Canyon
GMC Sierra*
Mazda B-Series
Toyota Tacoma*

UAW VANS

Chevrolet Express
Dodge Caravan
Ford Econoline
GMC Savana

CAW SUVs/CUVs

Chevrolet Equinox
Ford Edge
Ford Flex
Lincoln MKT
Lincoln MKX
Pontiac Torrent
Suzuki XL7

UAW/CAW PICKUPS

Chevrolet Silverado*/Hybrid
GMC Sierra*/Hybrid



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Application Form for IBEW Local 1220 Scholarships

ONE AT IBEW 1220 OFFICE IN CHICAGO

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone Number _____

High School _____

Name of Union Member _____ Relationship _____

Place of Employment _____

1. An official high school transcript or a last semester college transcript if you are a college student already must be sent to IBEW Local 1220, 8605 W. Bryn Mawr #309, Chicago, IL 60631. The transcript must have the official seal and be unopened.
2. The package or transcript must also include ACT or SAT scores.
3. Additional points will be awarded for school activity and work activity.
 - a) To receive points for school activity, the student must submit a letter from a school advisor or coach.
 - b) To receive points for work activity, the student must submit a letter from an employer. To receive the additional points, all letters must be submitted with this scholarship application form.
4. Each student must submit an essay of no more than 250 words on the topic "How IBEW Local 1220 Has Helped Me and My Family." All essays must be typed on a computer, double spaced and have a headline. The essay must be original and not be copied.
5. Only complete applications received by June 1, 2009 will be considered.
6. There will be 3 awards of \$500.00 each available. Only the first 30 applications received will be considered. Winners will be notified by July 1, 2009.

I have read the rules of the scholarship program and agree to abide by them.

Signed _____ Date _____

Applicants signature

WOULD YOU LIKE TO REACH US BY EMAIL???

INFO@IBEW1220.ORG

THE NEXT REGULAR UNION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND AT 7:00 PM
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